

**Mayor/Council Town Meeting- 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Municipal Building**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order -8:07 PM**

**Roll Call:** CM Barnes, CM Kennedy II (via phone, entered Municipal Building at 8:35 PM), CM Washington, Mayor Muhammad present; quorum established.

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by CM Washington to approve agenda for Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019; seconded by CM Barnes; all in favor; motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes from Friday, February 22, 2019 and Monday, March 4, 2019;** Motion by CM Washington to approve the minutes; seconded by CM Barnes; all in favor; motion passed.

**Election Results:** announced by Chief Judge Mr. Freddie Colston: for the Mayoral candidates, Mrs. Muhammad received 120 votes, Mr. McLaurin received 36 votes, Mr. Stoner received 91 votes, and there were 4 write-ins. For Ward I, 25 write-ins out of the 25, 14 write-ins went to Mr. Robert Barnes Jr., For Ward II, Ms. Brownson received 31 votes, Mrs. Mann received 32 votes, there were 0 write-in votes, and 4 absentee ballots. For Ward III, Mrs. Hines received 62 votes, Mrs. Noble received 44 votes, there were 6 write ins, and 12 absentee ballots. Motion to approve election results by CM Barnes; seconded by CM Washington; all in favor; motion passed. Motion to accept the candidates as qualified per the charter by CM Washington; seconded by CM Barnes; all in favor; motion passed.

**Swearing-In of Mayor Muhammad by Council President Calvin Washington**

**Swearing-in of Councilman Robert Barnes of Ward I, Councilwoman Cynthia Mann of Ward II, and Councilwoman Paula Noble by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad**

**Public Period:** Mr. Larry Stoner congratulated the newly elected candidates.

**Legislation**

**Resolution 15-19** to enter into a contract with Faulkner Lawn Care and Landscaping to provide landscape and lawn care for certain public areas within the Town of Forest Heights, introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad. Motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading; seconded by CM Kennedy II; all in favor; motion by CM Washington to adopt; seconded by CM Kennedy II; discussion. vote; (6) yes; (0) no; (1) absent; motion passed.

**Ordinance 01-19 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)** an ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland revising Article 15 (Parking and Traffic) of the Town Ordinance Code, by changing, amending, or re-adopting certain provisions of said article including Section 15.2 (Definitions) to modify the definition of an abandoned vehicle to include an unregistered or improperly registered vehicle that has remained on public property for any period of time; to amend Section 15.3.2 (Parking and Truck Restriction) to clarify that unregistered or invalidly registered motor vehicles are prohibited for any period of time; and to amend and clarify Section 15.7 (Towing, Immobilization and Impounding; Right to Hearing) to authorize that a vehicle, illegally parked and cited as such, having been previously subjected to two or more unpaid parking and delinquent citations issued by the town may be towed and impounded; and generally relating to the regulation on traffic and parking within the Town of Forest Heights; introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad. Motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading; seconded by CM Barnes; all in favor; motion by CM Washington to adopt Ordinance 01-19; seconded by CW Noble; discussion; vote; (6) yes (0) no (1) absent; motion passed.

**Emergency Ordinance 02-19 (1<sup>st</sup> reading)** motion by CM Washington to waive full reading; seconded by CW Mann. An Emergency Ordinance of the Mayor and council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland amending Article 19 (Streets and Sidewalks), and by specifically amending Section 19.20 ( Street Construction, Utility Cuts and Improvements); by adding definitions related to wireless telecommunications facilities and requiring a permit for such installations with certain standards for their placement; by requiring certain deadlines for permit review consistent with federal law; by defining substantial and minor changes to existing facilities with certain requirements; by authorizing certain fees to be charged for certain permit applications and use of the right-of-way; requiring applicants or users to indemnify the Town and comply with other relevant laws; and by making other grammatical and stylistic

changes to said section of the Town Code; and generally relating to the regulation and control of Town streets and sidewalks; introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad. motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Ordinance 02-19; seconded by CM Washington; all in favor; discussion; vote (5) yes; (1) no; (1) absent; motion passed.

*Note Emergency Ordinance would require only one reading before taking effect.*

**New Business:** CW Mann noted that she attended the Local Development meeting and it was mentioned the Town of Forest Heights asked the Council to vote soon on the issue of gaming/casino revenue from Rosecroft Raceway the Town of Forest Heights is do those funds.

**Meeting Adjourned-** 8:52 PM.